

MINERS ASK
CONFERENCEWith View to Preventing a
Coal Strike

MITCHELL MADE REPLY

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Indianapolis, March 19.—President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America has mailed to George F. Kies, chairman of the anthracite coal operators' conference, his reply to the committee's communication rejecting the demands of the miners' organization. After expressing the keen disappointment that the miners' demands were rejected in toto, reminding that the wages paid are comparatively low and expressing the belief that the operators may have failed to understand "the real import of the propositions submitted by us," the latter says:

"We wish to assure you that we are not unmindful of the great public interests involved in this controversy as to our future relations, neither are we unappreciative of the splendid efforts made by the anthracite coal strike commission to establish a relationship between us that would insure a just and permanent peace; but, if you will refer to the award of that commission, you will find that the commission itself was in doubt as to the permanency of its findings, and expressed the hope that at the expiration of the award, the relations of operators and employees would be so far improved as to make impossible such a condition as existed throughout the country in consequence of the strike in the anthracite region. We have not only the letter and the spirit of the award and the absence of local or general strikes during the last three years would have appealed more strongly to your confidence and that we might reasonably expect some considerations of our claims at this time.

"When we met in joint conference at 143 Liberty street, New York city on Feb. 15 last, it was agreed that when the separate committees of seven had terminated their work, they should report to the committee of the whole. We understand this statement that we had submitted our demands and our reasons therefor, and you had prepared your reply thereto, the joint committee would meet, confer, and if possible, reach an agreement. But it would seem from reading your reply, that all our propositions have been rejected, and that your final decision has been given. We trust that this conception of your intention is incorrect. It is our opinion that neither you nor we can afford to break off negotiations in this abrupt manner.

"So far as we and the interests we represent are concerned, we are not willing to accept any share of the responsibility this action entails. We believe that a further meeting should be held and that we should strive earnestly and conscientiously to reconcile our differences. "We feel it incumbent upon us to say that we cannot with any degree of contentment or satisfaction continue to work under present conditions. "However, we are of the opinion that the interests involved are so vast that we are not willing to break off negotiations without first making further efforts to reconcile our differences. We therefore propose that further conference or conferences be held between now and the first of April. "If this suggestion meets with your approval we will be pleased to arrange with you a date upon which our joint committee may reconvene."

"LEGALIZED MURDER."
Attempt to Destroy Union, Says Alex's Insiders.

Editor Barre Daily Times: Dear Sir—As the general public has been furnished with horrible pictures of crimes said to have been committed by the inner circle of the Western Federation of Miners; and as such statements from the viewpoint of the capitalist press of America have been judiciously circulated with the avowed purpose of disrupting said Western Federation of Miners and hanging the officials for a murder committed hundreds of miles from their homes, I ask you in the name of justice to those imprisoned men to publish the statement of bare facts leading up to the arrest of President Meyer, Secretary W. D. Heywood and Organizer Pettibone.

Workingmen's memories must not be fresh with the facts so graphically depicted by Organizer Leonard in the Barre opera house some two years ago at a mass meeting under the auspices of the Central Labor Union. It was very plain to the audience that the facts related at that time by Organizer Leonard were unvarnished and were entirely true. At that time he stated men were driven from their homes in the dead of night, torn from the bosom of their wives and families; herded on board freight cars and ruthlessly transported hundreds of miles over a barren prairie, there to be dumped off and left without food or water. Furthermore, they were requested never to show faces in Colorado again, but this was not all. Bull pens were erected in all towns where the strike was on. Any man who was known to stand for the union was soon thrust within the confines of this modern inferno, not even the gentlest sex escaping. With not the slightest regard

for sanitation of the application of safeguards for the necessities of nature, for these human beings were huddled for weeks; strong men were driven delirious and today women who were confined in the "bull pens" are gray-haired and but shadows of their former selves.

Now, despite all persecution by citizen slanders, etc., the miners have gained the eight-hour day and at once they began to plan for deportation and unlawful confinement. The suits reach up in claims for thousands and it is in these suits that have driven the mine owners to use the last desperate resort, i. e., the extinction by legalized murder of every officer of the Western Federation of Miners. Now note the method these friends of "law and order" adopt when they realize that there is a chance of these union men gaining redress, not mark you through the methods adopted by the mine owners, but as American citizens and through the law that should protect all. The Citizen's Alliance has enlisted the services of one Harry Orchard, and this is not by any means the first time they have used him in their work of disruption. He was a detective for them during the trouble in Colorado, disappearing the night the Independent station was wrecked, entailing the loss of 21 lives. At that time the miners tracked him with bloodhounds, but he has never been seen again, until he lately appeared in Idaho and like the cur he has always proved himself to be, he swears that Meyer, the victim of the bull pen, Heywood, who was nearly beaten to death by Gen. Bell of the "hell with the constitution" fame, and Organizer Pettibone are guilty of twenty-five murders.

Can you believe this tale from one who has been the vilest snake that ever crawled under the name of man? Now that you have a little daylight on the devilish business and can look at the matter in a rational manner, you will see that this plot is a premeditated one for the destruction of the Western Federation of Miners. Yours for justice, Alex'r Insiders.

Barre, Vt.

GREAT SNOWSLIDE
WRECKS BUILDINGS

One Life Known to Have Been Lost and
\$400,000 Loss to Property in
Mount Sneffels Region,
Colorado.

Ouray, Colo., March 19.—A mammoth snowslide in the Mount Sneffels region, six miles south of Ouray, Saturday night wrecked the Camp Bird mine mill, tram house, boarding house and reading room. William Cressey was killed, and it is feared that other lives were lost. Several men, it is reported, were seriously injured. The property loss is \$400,000.

The Camp Bird mine, containing 200 men, and the residence of General Manager Cox barely escaped destruction. The slide largely had spent its force before reaching the assay shops and general offices of the Camp Bird mine. It is believed that the slide was caused by a heavy snowfall, but it was larger this year than usual.

Telephone communication with Mount Sneffels is interrupted and the news of the disaster was brought yesterday afternoon by County Commissioner Smith. A rescue party started out at once, but it will take some several hours to reach Mount Sneffels, as the roads and trails are blocked with snow.

A telephone message from Silverton yesterday said that a report has been received that scores of miners were killed by the destruction of the Camp Bird boarding house, but this report is discounted.

Camp Bird mine was sold by Thomas E. Walsh several years ago, to an English company.

DEMOCRATS HIS GUESTS.

Talked Railroad Rate Bill at Luncheon Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Senator Nevada yesterday entertained 17 of his Democratic colleagues on the subject of his suburban home, the object being to exchange views on the railroad rate bill before the Senate. Practically the entire afternoon was spent in discussing the bill. The talk converged almost entirely around the attitude the Democrats should assume toward the questions of a suspension of hostilities and of the rate to be fixed by the interstate commerce commission in any case arising before it pending a review of the issue on an appeal to the courts.

"With the exception of two or three senators," said Senator Tillman, who is in charge of the bill, "all the members of the Senate, all those present were favorable to a provision for a non-suspension of the rates, and I think that all the Democrats will come around to the idea of voting for non-suspension when the issue is presented."

On yesterday it was admitted by Secretary Root that Mr. Stewart was in no way as divided in their views on the question of amendments as are their Republican opponents.

PASSENGERS RESCUED.

But One Was Lost in Being Transferred.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 19.—The steamer Atlanta of the Goodrich Line last night burned to the water's edge ten miles north of Port Washington. The tug Tessler rescued the passengers and crew, numbering sixty-five persons, who had taken to lifeboats. All were safely transferred to the steamer Georgia, another of the Goodrich line boats north bound, with the exception of one man, who was drowned during the transfer.

MURDER TRIAL BEGINS.

Vincent Love is Charged With Stabbing His Wife.

Rochester, N. Y., March 19.—Vincent Love, charged with the murder of his wife, Amanda Love, in April last, was placed on trial today. As the main witness against the prisoner three people will call the seven years old son of Love, who was an eye-witness of the stabbing and the defense is to base its fight upon the theory that the woman stabbed herself after a quarrel with her husband.

ACCIDENT
AT CROSSINGTwo Persons Killed at Union,
N. Y., Today

BY AN ERIE R. R. TRAIN

Silas Hemstraught, an Aged Man, and
an Unknown Woman Were Instantly
Killed at Nanticoke Street
Crossing.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 19.—Silas Hemstraught, aged 80 years, and an unknown woman were instantly killed by an Erie railroad train at the Nanticoke street crossing in Union this morning.

TO MARK HAZEN ROAD.

Hardwick Grangers Take An Important
Step.

Hardwick, March 19.—At a largely attended meeting of Hazen Road Pomona Grange Saturday the following resolution which explains itself was adopted: "Whereas, The Pomona Grange, selected by itself the old historic name of the old military road, leading through every town from which our organization comes, well known in the early history of Vermont as the Hazen Road.

"Therefore be it resolved, That we raise sufficient funds to erect upon this line of this road highway, a suitable monument of granite, that generations coming after us may know the way to a pathway through the forests of northern Vermont and also that so flourishing and social an organization as the Hazen Road Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, once held social distinction here.

"Further resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, that the way to the monument be carried out, and that the monument be erected at the earliest possible date.

The following named towns are on this line: Hardwick, Walden, Craftsbury and Danville. Five Granges are located in these towns, which come under the head of the Hazen Road Pomona Grange.

W. L. Dow is worthy master of the Grange and therefore was the secretary of the committee. He appointed the committee to serve with him in the work for the erection of the monument: Col. Nelson A. Dole of Danville, C. M. Sawyer of this village, J. A. Gallagher of Craftsbury and Gov. C. J. Bell of Walden. It is proposed that the monument be raised at \$1000 on the work and the monument be erected at the earliest possible date.

MCCABE WILL COME BACK.

Says He Is Willing to Stand Trial for
the Bolton Wreck.

St. Albans, March 19.—Patrick F. McCabe of Bolton, formerly Central Vermont station agent at that place and now a fugitive from justice and under arrest in Montreal, was yesterday arraigned before Judge Choquet, sitting as extradition commissioner, and was committed to be extradited on the charge of wrecking the New England States Limited at Bolton on January 26, and also of perjury.

When McCabe was brought up for voluntary examination, he stated to the court that he was willing to go back immediately to the United States and stand trial. According to the laws of the Dominion, a prisoner cannot be taken from that country until 15 days have elapsed. To enable McCabe to stand trial, proceedings to be brought, after the extradition is authorized. Former State Attorney Leary of Burlington will defend McCabe.

FRANCIS GETS PLACE,
SUCCEEDING STORER

Editor of Troy Times to Be Ambassador
to Austria-Hungary—Storer had
Friction with the Government.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., a former minister to Greece, will be nominated today to succeed Bellamy Storer as ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Mr. Francis is editor of the Troy Times.

On yesterday it was admitted by Secretary Root that Mr. Storer was in no way as divided in their views on the question of amendments as are their Republican opponents.

FIRE AT BROOKFIELD.

Grist Mill and One House Burned Saturday Afternoon.

Brookfield, March 19.—The grist mill of Henry Crocker and George Crane's house were burned to the ground Saturday afternoon at a loss of \$9,000. The fire started in a store in the upper story of the mill and when discovered had gained such headway that there was no chance of saving the buildings. The Crane house was only a short distance away and soon caught fire. The brick brigade was unable to prevent that from burning. The owners of Edwin Martin and Arthur Washburn were nearby and were in danger at one time.

A BIG PINE TREE.

Cut Into Six Twelve-Foot Logs in a
Bethel Mill.

Bethel, March 19.—An old-growth native pine tree was hauled to Cushing's mill here by Parker Harding from his farm, which cut into six twelve-foot logs—the tree having stood about ninety feet high. The lower log measured three feet through at one end and four at the other. According to Scribner's rule, this twelve-foot log contained six hundred and ninety-two feet.

EAST BARRE.

Roller skating at East Barre opera house Thursday night. First session at 6 o'clock, second at 8:30 p. m.

FUNERAL IN PLAINFIELD.

Mrs. Caroline Willard Wheeler Laid to
Rest Last Friday.

Plainfield, March 19.—The funeral of Mrs. Caroline Willard Wheeler was held from her late home on east hill, of this town, Friday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. R. L. Sheaf officiating.

Mrs. Wheeler was born in Hatley, P. Q., May 20, 1827, and was married to Samuel Wheeler in 1851. Of their union seven children, three sons and four daughters were born. Mrs. Ida Robinson entered into rest about seven years ago, and a younger son died during infancy.

Mrs. Wheeler is survived by five children as follows: Edgar Wheeler of this town, Mrs. Emma Goodhue of Keene, N. H., Oscar Wheeler, Mrs. Eva Bailey and Mrs. Addie Batchelder also of this town.

The pall bearers were Edgar and Oscar Wheeler, Joe Bailey and Gordie Robinson. The interment was in the village cemetery.

So we tenderly laid her away today; Aye, we laid her away to rest; To await us there in that heaven above, In that beautiful home of the blessed. The floral tributes were: Mrs. Emma Goodhue, white carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, white carnations; Edgar and Oscar Wheeler, flowers; Furd and Nettie Batchelder, white roses; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cree, white carnations; Miss George Wheeler, carnations and ferns; W. C. T. U., white carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bailey, white carnations; Mrs. Addie Batchelder, white carnations and ferns.

FUNERAL OF JED P. CLARK.

Held at Late Home in Milton Yesterday
Afternoon.

Milton, March 19.—The funeral of the Hon. Jed P. Clark was held from the family residence in this village at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. George Johnson of Bishop Hopkins' hall in Burlington officiated with the Episcopal services.

The honorary bearers were Ell T. Holbrook, Charles Sanderson and Proctor Booth of this village, B. Frank Gale and John E. Lyon of Colchester, Horatio G. Boardman and T. S. Peck of Burlington. The body bearers were Chester W. Witters of St. Albans, H. C. McNeill, Charles E. Gifford, E. A. Frost, John S. Beahm and Fred Lundy of this village. The interment was in the Clark family lot in the village cemetery.

There were many beautiful floral offerings, in wreaths and other designs. Among them was a large and handsome shield, with the words, "At Rest," given as a token of love and esteem from the business men of the village. Nearly all of the villagers, who held the deceased in the highest respect and esteem, turned out at his last services, they having come to regard him as their long time friend and benefactor.

CUTS HIS FATHER'S THROAT.

Man of 52 Dying from Wound Inflicted
by Dennis Collins.

Bennington, March 19.—News has been received here that in the little town of Galway, N. Y., 40 miles from here, Friday, Dennis Collins, 40 years old, cut his father's throat and the old man's death is expected. He is 92 years of age. The two men lived together.

Six hours after the deed was committed the son went to a physician and told him what had been done. The physician and others found the old man on the street in a pool of blood. The wound was six inches long. The wound was not severed.

It is believed the younger Collins is insane. Ten years ago he was confined in an asylum, but apparently recovered. A few days ago he became nervous and went through a series of delirium. He told a neighbor that he thought some thing was going to happen to his father and he wanted to kill him so as to give him a decent burial. He is in the charge of an officer.

TO VACATE MAY 1.

D. Tomasi Will Then Have His Building
in Montpelier.

Montpelier, March 19.—D. Tomasi rents a store to S. Massucco, fireman, and the lease stated that in case of fire the lease should be void. There was a fire in 1904, in which the devouring element did damage to the amount of \$298. Tomasi ordered Massucco out, and Massucco wouldn't go. Therefore a suit for ejectment was brought. This matter has been pending in court since last November. The agreement of Massucco to withdraw on May 1. His lease expires May 1.

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DIVERGENCE
OF OPINIONBetween Barre and Montpelier
Base Ball Directors

OVER MANAGER'S SALARY

Former Want to Engage Manager at
Lower Rate, and Montpelier Men
Think He Should Get at Least
\$40 Per Week.

A difference of opinion has developed between the Barre and the Montpelier directors of the Inter-city base ball association over the amount of salary to be paid the manager of the team for the coming season. While both would like to have Arthur W. Daley, the manager for the past two years, chosen to the same position again, the Barre directors think that the salary of \$40 a week should be cut down, while the Montpelier directors think that he should get that amount, at least. It is understood that the Barre directors advocate along the general line of retrenchment in expenses. The directors will meet Tuesday night, at which time the Montpelier half will present the proposition to re-engage Mr. Daley at the same salary.

There is not at all a certainty that he would accept as he has received an offer to manage the Ottawa team, the baby of the league. A short time after the admission of the Canadian city into the league Mr. Daley was invited to go to that city and advise them about signing players, etc. But he refused. Later there came a straight offer to manage the team, and he is now in Ottawa consulting with the magnates there. This trip was made after the Inter-city directors had approached him with the economy plan, which should curtail his salary. The proposition did not meet with his favor at all. A final word will probably be said at the meeting tomorrow night. The association owes Mr. Daley \$200 on his last year's salary. Some more will be made to pay that at once, it is understood.

NORTHERN LEAGUE MEETING.

A meeting of the Northern base ball league may be held at Burlington Wednesday of this week to adopt the by-laws to govern the league. The majority of the vice presidents have signified their ability to be present on that day.

GODDARD'S SCHEDULE.

Contains Nineteen Games Beginning on
April 23.

The Goddard base ball schedule for this spring is as follows:
April 23, Montpelier H. S. at Barre.
April 30, Hardwick Academy at Barre.
May 7, Burlington H. S. at Burlington.
May 8, Plattsburgh H. S. at Plattsburgh.
May 10, St. Lawrence university at Barre (pending).
May 15, M. H. S. at Montpelier.
May 17, Vermont Academy at Barre (pending).
May 19, Montpelier Sem. at Inter-city.
May 21, Middlebury H. S. at Middlebury.
May 22, Burr & Burton Sem. at Manchester.
May 23, Rutland H. S. at Rutland.
May 25, Burlington H. S. at Barre.
May 30, Montpelier Sem. at Inter-city.

BASKET BALL.

The basket ball game between Co. F. and Co. H. of Montpelier resulted in a victory for Co. F. the score being 27 to 23. Recently Co. F. defeated Co. H. on its own floor by a small margin and from the reports it was the general feeling that Co. H. should have won the game but for the decisions of the referee. The game played last night certainly showed that Co. F. is just a little stronger than Co. H., who it is claimed by members of Co. F. had more in the team who were members of the Y. M. C. of Barre and not of Co. H. The playing of Rust and Wilkinson starred for the visitors while McCarthy, Wentworth and Kelly played the best ball for the home team.

WEST TOPSHAM.

Frank Lamb of Bradford was in town on business last week.
D. E. Hagley was in Montpelier on business Thursday.
G. K. Church was in Bradford Saturday and Sunday.
E. E. Newton and David Bagley were in East Corinth Friday on business.
Mr. and Mrs. McLure were in Bradford Sunday.
Hilse Church was in Bradford recently on special business.
G. K. Church sold one hundred thousand feet of boards to Baldwin & Strong of Bradford last week.
Den Dunham has moved onto the farm owned by A. E. Batchelder of Barre in Orange.

FINED FOR FISHING.

Rutland, March 19.—Charles Goodwin and Edward Gnyette of Sudbury were each fined \$10 and costs Saturday on a complaint issued by Warden E. H. Stickney of this city, for catching pickers through the ice at Burr pond in Burr Pond.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Philip Reyson Frankie Towseley
Robert Brown Mark Carpenter
Jenkins, the Butler John LeClair
Rebecca Luke Marion Foster
Katherine Rogers, her niece Florence Marriot
Marion Bryant, Katherine's friend Jessie Butterfield
Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid Meta Craig
Admission 25c.

FEELING OF UNREST
PERVADES MONTPELIER

Raid on Chinese Laundry Saturday Night
Only Adds to the Uneasiness—
Lot of "Dead Sejoers"
Were Found.

Montpelier, March 19.—As an indication of what is to come in "dry" Montpelier, Sheriff Tracy and a posse of officers searched the laundry building of Charles Lee on Elm street Saturday night. The officers found no liquor, but they did get a quantity of "dead sejoers." There is a general feeling of unrest among the dispensers of liquid refreshments in this town, and the future does not hold out any rosy prospects.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Otis M. Rice of Chelsea, for 30 Years a
Dentist.

Chelsea, March 19.—Otis M. Rice died at about six o'clock this morning of heart disease. The deceased was a dentist by profession and for many years has enjoyed the reputation of being among the first in his profession in this state. He was a native of this town and has been in active practice here for thirty years. Although he had not felt well for a few days past, he had been at his office daily, and worked as usual. Not rising at the usual time, Mrs. Ella Cleveland, with whom he boarded, went to his door and as he did not answer to a call opened the door, and seeing no apparent signs of life she called Dr. A. H. Smith at once. The physician discovered that he had been dead but a few moments. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made at this time.

INJURED INTERNALLY
BY A SLIGHT FALL

John Milton of Pleasant Street Is in a
Precarious Condition at Heaton
Hospital—Operation Saturday
Night.

John Milton, who slipped on the floor in the bath room at his home on Pleasant street last Friday and seriously injured himself internally was taken Saturday night to the Heaton hospital at Montpelier where he underwent an operation, the only chance of saving his life. His condition was no better yesterday and Mrs. Milton was called to the hospital in the afternoon as it was thought he would not live the day out.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Don't forget the box social in Miles' hall Wednesday evening.
Box social Wednesday evening in the Miles hall. Public cordially invited.
Paul E. Hopkins of Cabot is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred King.
Miss M. E. Miles returned yesterday from Boston, where she has been visiting the millinery markets.
Homer Parker, who is employed at the Pavilion bar in Montpelier, was initiated into the bartenders' union Saturday night.
A special attraction at the Golden Flower rink at Montpelier next Saturday night will be an apple race, open to Barre and Montpelier skaters.
Miss Alice Pape, who is teaching school in Foxboro, Mass., arrived in town last evening for a week's visit at her home on Merchant street.
The Co. H. basket ball team of Montpelier was defeated by Co. F. at Northfield Saturday night by the score of 27 to 23. The game was fast and interesting.
A party of granite manufacturers met Saturday evening and discussed a project for making possible the construction of the new library building of granite.
J. M. Condit, who was a former clerk at Segel & Brady's store, returned to this city Saturday night from New York and commenced work again for the same firm this morning.
The Good Templars are to have a box social Wednesday evening in Miles' hall. All ladies are requested to bring a box. Admission 10c to those who do not. Gent's admission 10c. Public invited.
On account of illness, Mr. Dickinson was unable to act as organist at the Heddling church yesterday. The position was taken by Mrs. W. E. Sutherland. The choir was assisted by Irving Parmenter, clarinetist.
The regular meeting of Neal Dow Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., will be held Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock sharp, in the Miles hall. All members are requested to be present, as there is important business to come before the meeting.
B. A. Eastman returned Saturday from West Fairlee where he attended the funeral of his brother John, at which Rev. P. A. Wiggin of Boston officiated. The bearers were B. A. Eastman of this city, F. A. Gove of this city, Herbert Gilman of Lacombe, N. H., and Alvin Hutchins of East Barre.
Mrs. S. J. Paddiford was given a birthday party Saturday. Games, music and dancing were indulged in, the feature of the evening being a cake walk by Mrs. J. E. Rowe and Raymond Sharkey. A large mirror was given to Mrs. Paddiford and the guests went home, all declaring they had had a good time.
"Mr. Bob," which was presented with such success Friday evening in the senior hall by the senior class of Goddard seminary, will again be brought before the public Wednesday evening, March 21, in the vestry of the Universalist church, in behalf of the Ladies' Aid society.
The applause which this comedy drew forth should insure a full house Wednesday evening.
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AMATEURS DON
PAINT AND WIGThe "Siege of Limerick"
Well Presented

BY ST. MONICA'S SOCIETY

Large Audience Was Much Pleased with
Efforts of Their Favorites at Barre
Opera House Saturday
Night.

Local amateur actors filled the bill admirably at the Barre opera house on Saturday evening, when "The Siege of Limerick" was presented under the auspices of St. Monica's Dramatic society, in keeping with the observance of St. Patrick's day. There was a large crowd of people to witness the performance, and the hearty applause attested their interest and the good work of the participants.

"The Siege of Limerick" is a stirring Irish drama in three acts, centering about the separation of a father and his son through faithful loyalty on the part of the son to the Irish cause and the defection of the father, and the ultimate reunion of the two. W. J. Kingston took the important part of the father and carried it out well, while J. A. Healy had the part of the son, which was almost as prominent. D. J. Sullivan and J. T. Callaghan had fun-making parts as "a lively Irish boy" and "his faithful friend," respectively.

The appearance of Thomas Mercer as Barney O'Reilly, the blacksmith, was the signal for a noisy greeting, and Mr. Mercer lived up to the expectations by making many a laugh.

The blacksmith shop scene was made the more interesting by a real force and a real anvil, and real showers of sparks as the sturdy smith hammered the glowing steel. And then, to add to the effectiveness, a real horse was ridden onto the stage. Mr. Mercer sang a solo and responded to the applause with another.

Between the acts there were solos by Misses Grace Deane and Beatrice Callaghan and William Robertson and D. J. Sullivan. Each had to come back for a second appearance. Mr. Sullivan was general manager of the presentation, J. T. Callaghan advertising manager, and Frank Brown stage director. The cast of characters was as follows:
Patrick Sarsfield, Irish general, P. E. McNulty.
Roger O'Gorman, Irish gentleman, W. J. Kingston.
Dermot O'Gorman, his son, J. A. Healy.
Harry Nugent, Dermot's friends, A. L. Gravelle.
Serge Hagan, Corp. Hagan, officers in the Irish army, William Marriot.
Surgeon in the Irish army, D. B. Kingston.
Mickey Cassidy, a lively Irish boy, D. J. Sullivan.
Tim Duggan, his faithful friend, J. T. Callaghan.
Barney O'Reilly, a blacksmith, Thos. Mercer.
Dan O'Flaherty, his assistant, J. J. Hastings.
Tom Condit, an Irish car driver, Dennis Dineen.
Rory Maguire, an Irish centinel, John Drummog.
Eduard Jacques, a "brave" domestic, Walter Scott.
Col. Breckenbridge, a loyal soldier to the king, M. McMahon.
Serge Blakely, Corp. Bingley, in the king's army, W. J. Healy.
Irish soldiers, Frank Nelson, Thos. McGoff, W. H. Marsh, J. Peltier, Dan Keefe and John Drummog.
English soldiers, P. E. Peltier, J. J. Hastings, T. Kenefick, J. Marshall.
Peasants, villagers, etc.

NEW GRINDING MACHINE.

Is Being Successfully Tried Out at Littlejohn & Milne's.

The Littlejohn & Milne granite works have just established a patent corundum wheel for grinding purposes. The wheel is manufactured by the Pike Manufacturing company of Pike, N. H., and it is claimed that it will do the work of several of the old stones in the same time and that the work will be done better.

The wheel is made of corundum and is arranged with a tank under the wheel from which water is drawn by means of a pump, which is a part of the machine, and a steady dripping of water is kept put on to the stone.

The wheel is not much larger than an old-fashioned hand grind stone, but it is said that one which was established at the Ellis works some time ago, wore for five months and then was replaced at a very reasonable price.

The wheel at the Ellis shops was the first to be tried in a granite shed and the one at Littlejohn & Milne's is the first one to be put in at a shed in this city. It is attracting considerable attention and it is probable that it gives as good satisfaction as it appears to